

He became an instrument of bad men rattier than an active instigator of evil. ' If the truth were once told the King,' said the blunt Bishop of Eochester, ' he is so yielding and easily led that he would by no means suffer such things to go unchecked in the realm.'<sup>1</sup> When he died he had lost his people's love. There was no outburst of grief throughout the country when men heard that his long and famous reign had closed at last. There was only sullen fear for the future of a land where a boy was king.

> *O. E. B.*, 73.